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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE DEDICATES "CIRCLE OF FREEDOM" MEMORIAL GARDEN



The mission of the Township Beautification Committee is to *revitalize, restore, and preserve the character of Mahwah*. In keeping with this mission, the Committee recently completed the "Circle of Freedom" memorial garden in Veterans Park, a revitalization effort that was also an expression of gratitude to our veterans - past, present, and future.

The first phase of the project, funded by a grant in 2010, included new landscape, walkways, benches, and lampposts, plus a new flagpole as the centerpiece. On Veterans Day

2013, the Committee completed the second phase by adding a perennial garden and 12 etched pictorial monuments, testifying to the sacrifices made by our military personnel. The third phase was completed on Memorial Day 2014. This final tribute of six flagpoles, each bearing a flag representing a branch of the military and one for our POWs, now surrounds the war memorials. The flagpoles and etched memorials were funded solely by donations from patriotic supporters.

Veterans Day Service

Please join us on **Tuesday, November 11th at 11 a.m.** for the annual Township of Mahwah Veterans Day Service. Let's show our veterans how much we appreciate their service and sacrifice to our country by joining them on this special day. The service is held at Veterans Park located on Franklin Turnpike between Miller Road and East Ramapo Ave. This event is sponsored by the Mahwah Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7124 and the Mahwah Recreation Department. We would like to thank the Mahwah Boy and Girl Scouts, the students of Betsy Ross School, Mahwah High School and St. Paul's School for their continued participation in this event. We look forward to seeing you again this year. ■



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BILL LAFORET

As your Mayor I have always believed that your voice, the Taxpayer’s voice, is a vital component in our form of nonpartisan municipal government.

One of the most important ways for our taxpayers to be heard is through the exercise of our fundamental right to vote. On November 4, 2014 we all have a remarkable opportunity to participate in the decision making process. There are many very qualified candidates running for four seats on our Township Council.

You have a chance to elect those candidates who you think will best represent you and our community. Please take time to find out more about them and how they will serve our community.

At the November 4, 2014 election we will elect a U.S. Senator and U.S. Congressperson, a County Executive and Freeholders, four Mahwah Councilpersons, and three Board of Education members.

In 1984, the voters of Mahwah, by referendum, approved a new form of nonpartisan government with a directly elected Mayor and seven councilpersons. This change has allowed greater participation by individuals in the process and control of our community’s destiny without any outside interference. The date for municipal elections was recently moved from May to November, in part, to encourage greater voter participation. In addition to the four Township Council seats, there are also Board of Education candidates running as well.

The Mahwah municipal elections take place during even numbered years. My position as your Mayor is not up for election until November of 2016, I am encouraging you to exercise your right to vote this year. A majority of the Township Council (4 of 7 positions) is up for determination of the voters this year.

The decisions made by elected officials are being made at the municipal level and affect the future of our community. Please join me this November and vote and let your voice be heard.

Sincerely,

William C. Laforet
Mayor



Upcoming Elections:	Voter Registration Dates and LAST DAY for NEW VOTERS to register in order to vote in upcoming elections:
General Election: November 4, 2014	General Election: Tuesday, October 14, 2014
Primary Election: June 2, 2015	Primary Election: Tuesday, May 12, 2015
General Election: November 3, 2015	General Election: Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Note: Municipal Clerk’s Office will be opened from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for both Voter Registration and *New Voter Registration* on the above dates.

Absentee Ballot Request Forms are available in the Municipal Clerk’s Office. Requests must be received by the Bergen County Clerk’s Office in Hackensack **7 days before** the Election for which you are requesting the Absentee Ballot. Or you may apply in person to the Bergen County Clerk, 1 Bergen County Plaza – Room 130 in Hackensack up until 3:00 p.m. the day before the election.

WHAT IS TO BE RECYCLED AND HOW TO PREPARE IT

The following "Recyclable Materials" will be collected curbside by the Township.

All glass, plastic, tin and aluminum recyclable items can be placed in the same container for curbside pickup by the Township Recycling Department. Residents can place these items at the curb in containers no larger than 40 gallons. The remaining material (newspaper, magazines and cardboard) are to be prepared using the regulations as listed below. Residents who wish to continue to separate their recycling material can do so at the Recycling Center on North Railroad Avenue, which is open Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Residents in Fardale can separate items at Co. #4 Firehouse on Fardale Avenue on Saturdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Please check the schedule for the Saturdays this service is not available). If there are any questions, please call the Department of Public Works - 201-529-3344.

1. **Newspapers:** Newspapers must be bundled and string tied. NO brown bags, magazines or junk mail are to be included in the bundles. Bundles should not be more than 30 pounds in weight.
2. **Magazines:** must be bundled and string tied. NO newspapers, brown bags or junk mail are to be included in the bundles. Bundles should not be more than 30 pounds in weight.
3. **Cardboard:** Cardboard should be folded or cut and string tied in bundles weighing no more than 30 pounds. For large amounts of cardboard, call the recycling center for special arrangements.
4. **Aluminum & Metal Cans:** Food and beverage cans only. All labels must be removed and insides should be rinsed clean.
5. **Glass:** All glass goods should be rinsed clean and unbroken. No mirrors, plate glass, china, light bulbs, ceramic or porcelain goods will be collected.
6. **Plastic:** Only plastic beverage containers WITH CAPS REMOVED will be collected.

ALL GLASS, ALUMINUM AND TIN LEFT AT CURBSIDE MUST BE IN REUSABLE CONTAINERS! ALL ITEMS LEFT AT CURBSIDE IN PAPER OR PLASTIC BAGS WILL BE LEFT AT THE CURB.

All recyclables must be at curb by 7:00 a.m. Pickup starts at 7:00 a.m. - each street is picked up ONCE.

In case of snow there will be no pickup - pickup will be on your next regular scheduled pickup day.

RECYCLING CENTER HOURS: Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Factories, Warehouse, Office complexes, Service Stations, Hotels and all commercial establishments are required to comply with the Recycling Act. Business pickups will be on Thursday and Friday of every week. If there is a problem establishing a program, the Recycling Coordinator will assist. When recycling materials are prepared for pickup they must follow the same criteria as for a curbside pickup.

The following multiple family residences have "on premise depots" for all recyclable items to be picked up. There will be no curbside pick-up for these associations. For further information call your management group or condo association.

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| Bogerts Ranch Estates | Mall Apartments | Brookside Manor |
| Paddington Square | Chapel Greens | Pond Meadows |
| Franklin Crossing | Kilmer Woods I, II, III | Ramapo Brae |
| Lindvale Garden Apartments | Ramapo Garden Apartments | Rolling Hills Apartments |
| Ridge Gardens | | |



The following items may be dropped off at the Recycling Center located at 142 North Railroad Avenue:

AUTO BATTERIES	Car batteries only
HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES	Barrels provided for disposal
CARDBOARD	Must be cut and bundled
SCRAP METAL	All metal waste and household appliances
NEWSPAPER	No brown or plastic bags
MAGAZINES	No brown or plastic bags
GLASS	Containers provided for deposit
PLASTIC	Barrels provided for deposit
TIN CANS	Barrels provided for deposit
ALUMINUM	Barrels provided for deposit
MIXED PAPER	Office files, computer, brown bags, all paper products
ELECTRONICS	Computers, TVs, radios, microwaves

The Township Recycling Center does not accept used motor oil, antifreeze, tires of any size, paint, paint cans or propane tanks of any size. These items can be disposed of through the Bergen County Hazardous Waste Collection Program. Contact 201-807-5825 for further information. In addition, refrigerators/freezers and air conditioners are not accepted at the Recycling Center. They are picked up at no charge by calling Suburban Disposal Inc. at 1-973-227-7020. ■

FALL 2014 UPDATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Brush and Grass Clippings:

The last day to drop brush at the DPW garage is Saturday, September 27th. Saturday hours are 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The last day to drop off grass clippings is Friday, September 26th.

Last day for grass bag curbside pickup is Friday, September 26, 2014. Bags must be biodegradable paper bags.

Leaf Season:

Leaves will be picked up on a continuous schedule from October 13, 2014 through December 5, 2014. During leaf season your grass clippings can be mixed with leaves left at the curb.

Requirements for curbside leaf pick-up are as follows:

- Leaves must be piled at the curb, NOT ON THE ROAD
- Leaves in plastic bags will not be picked up
- NO brush, branches or stones are to be mixed in with the leaves.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Leaves will not be picked up if not correctly prepared.

Recycling:

The recycling schedule for the remainder of 2014 is as follows:

**Pick up date due to holiday*

Month	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 5	Section 6
Sept.	4*, 15, 29	2, 16, 30	3, 17	8, 22	9, 23	10, 24
Oct.	13, 27	14, 28	1, 15, 29	6, 20	7, 21	8, 22
Nov.	10, 24	13*, 25	12, 26	3, 17	6*, 18	5, 19
Dec.	8, 22	9, 23	10, 24	1, 15, 29	2, 16, 30	3, 17, 31

The Recycling Center is closed on the following dates:

Monday, 9/1 Labor Day	Thursday, 11/27 Thanksgiving Day
Saturday, 10/11	Friday, 11/28
Tuesday 11/4 Election Day	Saturday, 11/29
Saturday 11/8	Thursday, 12/25 Christmas Day
Tuesday, 11/11 Veterans Day	Saturday, 12/27

Garbage Collection:

If pick up is scheduled on a holiday, the pick up will be made on the following day. If there is a snow emergency there will be no pick up. Pick up will be on your next regular scheduled pick up day.

Town Wide Paper Shredding Day:

When: Saturday, October 18
Where: Town Hall Front Parking Lot
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



This event is open to Town Residents only. No businesses may attend. Household/personal shredding only. Each resident may bring 4 bags or boxes.

MAHWAH CERT PREPAREDNESS, SAFETY, AND SERVICE



CERT's Mission

Mahwah Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and County Animal Response Team (CART), is made up of volunteer residents who are trained to support professional first responders (Police, Fire, EMTs, et al) in all types of emergency situations while serving the community in other ways during non-emergency times.

Ongoing Educational Courses and Meetings



Capt. Steve Jaffe of the Mahwah Police Department offered a presentation regarding handling all emergency situations including school shootings.

March of Dimes Walkathon

For the sixth consecutive year, 27 members of the Mahwah CERT team took their positions at critical points on the March of Dimes Walkathon in Mahwah/Ramsey. Hundreds of participants were safely guided through the area encompassing Darlington County Park, Darlington Avenue, and Ridge Road. The CERT team performed admirably as auxiliary to the Mahwah Police Department.

CERT Coordinator Allan Becker: "This is another example of the dedication of our members, and how well the Mahwah CERT team works together and performs as a collective group."



17 members completed CPR/AED training by the Mahwah Emergency Services team and were certified.

Opportunities to Help Our Community

Assisted Bergen County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the County Animal Response Team (CART) at a Pet Adoption Day in Mahwah.

Hurricane Season is Here

Hurricane Season is here and we must be prepared. From all reports, it is projected to be a normal hurricane season but there is a possibility that we could expect 2 major events. Should any major event occur, the Mahwah CERT team will be called upon to assist Mahwah OEM. Much of that responsibility would be hands on at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). It is imperative that each member of our team be prepared for any type of emergency and knowing the procedures of the EOC is of the utmost importance.

Interested in Becoming a Member?

More residents are seeing the benefit of attending the CERT/CART courses. The training course is offered evenings at the Bergen Law and Public Safety Institute in Mahwah and runs for 12 consecutive weeks. Applications can be obtained at mahwahcert@optonline.net. There is no cost to participate. The training provides residents with basic skills and information on what to do before, during and after a disaster to aid themselves, their family and their community.

At the completion of the program, basic CERT safety equipment will be issued to each participant. Class size is limited, so early registration is encouraged to insure a place in this class.

For more information about Mahwah CERT, contact CERT Coordinator Allan Becker at (201) 960-9132 or mahwahcert@optonline.net.

**Photos courtesy of CERT* ■



Assisted Upper Saddle River OEM with their Emergency Preparedness Expo. Assisted Bergen County PD with crowd control for the Earth Day festival at Overpeck Park.

NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIP . . .



Michael J. Kelly

Effective July 1, 2014, the firm of Boswell McClave Engineering was appointed as the Township's Director of the Department of Land Use and Property Maintenance as well as serving as the Township's Zoning Officer. Michael J. Kelly, P.E., P.P. of this firm has been assigned to serve in this capacity.

This Department of the Township oversees Planning Board and Board of Adjustment matters, ordinances concerning soil movement and tree removal, zoning concerns and property maintenance issues.

The Planning Board reviews all commercial site plans and subdivisions that do not require a "Use" variance. They also review all soil movement applications associated with the site plan and/or subdivision applications. All soil movement applications for single family dwelling construction that require a Public Hearing are also scheduled with the Planning Board. The Board normally meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Adjustment reviews applications for any commercial site plan or subdivision that requires a "Use" variance. They also hold hearings on all applications that require dimensional variances which include lot area, width or setbacks. The Board meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

The Township's Soil Movement Ordinance requires applications to be submitted for any soil movement greater than 20 cubic yards. The application forms and a summary of soil movement thresholds, application and escrow fees and requirements can be found on the Township's website, mahwahtwp.org in the Forms Center.

The Municipal Code is posted on the Township website and applications and forms can also be found on the website in the Forms Center.

Office hours will be established to address questions and/or concerns. Once the office hours are established, they will be provided on the Township's website.

The Township welcomed Raymond W. Dressler as the new Construction Official on July 1st of this year. Ray has over 20 years of experience working in municipal government, several of which were served in Mahwah over ten years ago. He is licensed as a Construction Official, Building Sub Code Official, Building Inspector, Plumbing Inspector and a Mechanical Inspector. He is a certified Zoning Official in the state of New Jersey.



Raymond W. Dressler

Ray's duties will include serving as the Chief Administrator of the Construction Code Office. He will establish the day to day operating routines of the agency and will coordinate the activities of the Sub Code Officials.

On July 25, 2014 Ed Sinclair was promoted to Director of the Department of Public Works. Ed started his career with the Mahwah DPW 27 years ago on May 4, 1987 as the Foreman of Buildings and Grounds and was later promoted to Superintendent of Public Works in September of 2009. Both Mayor and Council agree Sinclair's vast knowledge and experience of the Township made him the logical choice for the Director position. As Director, Ed will oversee all operations for the Department of Public Works. Glenn Dowson has been promoted to Superintendent of Public Works. ■



Ed Sinclair

UPDATE ON UTILITY PAYMENT INFORMATION

The Mahwah Tax and Utility Departments would like to thank the property owners for their prompt payments. Almost 90% of property taxes and utility accounts are paid before the grace period ends. Payment options have changed in the past year so the Mahwah Tax and Utility Office would like our taxpayers to know the options.

Tax or Utility Window - Cash or Checks are accepted at Town Hall Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

US mail or other postal delivery service – checks only.

Drop Box - There is a drop box located outside the building for either tax or utility payments. Checks only. NO CASH.

Banking via the internet

ACH- automatic withdrawal by Mahwah from your checking or savings account on the first day of the quarter the taxes are due. A consent form is needed and can either be downloaded from the Township website (mahwahtwp.org) or mailed upon request. This option is not available for Utility Payments.

WIPP - Payment through third party using Mahwah's website. The fees charged are:

- * \$ 1.05 for an e-check from homeowners' account
- * \$ 3.95 for Visa debit cards with STAR, PULSE or NYCE logos
- * 2.95% for pinless debit cards as well as any credit cards

The transaction is posted when completed and downloaded to Mahwah's system the next business day.

Check Free - These are checks generated by the homeowners' bank and mailed to the office without the stub. If this is the preferred method of payment of taxes, please either download a check free form or we will mail you one. We need this form in order to create another bill to keep in our office so we have a tax stub as required by statute to correlate with the payment. The Utility Department will print and keep a duplicate bill when they receive a bank generated check in payment.

Please note Check-Free is a time consuming and unreliable method of payment for the office. The paper check must be matched with a printed bill before being applied to the account. Many times the block and lot are missing from the check and the homeowner has an address other than the property address. It then takes time to track down the correct property to which to apply payment. Also, many homeowners do not realize a paper check is sent and think once the money is deducted from their account Mahwah has the money. That is not the case. The sending banks accumulate the checks and send them together. It sometimes takes a week from the time a homeowner requests the check be sent until it is received. Many times a check is received after the grace period has ended and interest must be charged. Township of Mahwah website: mahwahtwp.org Click on "Departments" on left and then click on "Tax Collector" or "Utility." There will be a link to view or pay property taxes or utilities. ■

THE MAHWAH MUSEUM IS NOW OPEN

The museum season 2014-15 honors several milestones in Mahwah's history. The exhibits pay homage to the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Mahwah Historical Society, Les Paul's 100th Birthday, and New Jersey 350 – the statewide celebration of the founding of New Jersey.

The Mahwah Museum Society invites anyone with an interest in our community and history to become a member of the Mahwah Museum Society. You can support its efforts to preserve and share Mahwah's history at several levels of annual membership, including senior, individ-

ual, family, and corporate plans. Volunteers are welcome!

The Mahwah Museum Society also provides tours of the Museum for school groups and scout troops, grades three and above. For younger groups, tours of the Old Station Museum can be arranged. The Museum is located at 201 Franklin Turnpike and is open weekends and Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m., September 20 through June. Admission is \$5 and museum members and children under 12 are free. Visit www.mahwahmuseum.org or call 201-512-0099 for more information. ■

NEW JERSEY 350 - A CELEBRATION OF INNOVATION, DIVERSITY AND LIBERTY

On June 23, 1664, the Duke of York granted some 8500 square miles of land in the New World to court favorites, Sir George Carteret and John, Lord Berkeley. This land grant was the foundation of the colony of New Jersey. This year, there are celebrations all over the State marking 350 years of New Jersey's INNOVATION, DIVERSITY, and LIBERTY.

The Mahwah Museum joins in this birthday celebration by featuring some of Mahwah's contributions to those themes. As you visit the "Neighborhoods of Mahwah," "Les Paul in Mahwah," and our topographic model, look for the New Jersey 350 logo. You will find the remarkable stories of patriots, Native Americans, immigrants, industrialists, farmers and inventors who lived in Mahwah and made important contributions to New Jersey's INNOVATION, DIVERSITY, and LIBERTY.

MAHWAH MUSEUM EXHIBITS

The Mahwah Museum opened the exhibit "Neighborhoods of Mahwah: 1913-2013" in September 2013. The exhibit highlights the history, changes and developments of the different areas of Mahwah Township during the last 100 years. In February, its Exhibit Committee will make some changes - an updated Who's Who to highlight some of its influential residents from the past, and a new exhibit including Dater's California Job Case, once used in printing the Ramsey Journal in the 1890s. The regional newspaper was owned by the Dater family of Ramsey and later became the Home and Store News serving Ramsey and Mahwah.

LES PAUL: 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

In June the museum will celebrate what would have been Les Paul's 100th Birthday. The museum will join the Les Paul Foundation and many other groups nationwide in honoring this renowned innovator. The Les Paul 100th Birthday Celebration is being planned for June 2015 and the permanent Les Paul exhibit is being expanded.

The Play-a-Les-Paul-Guitar program continues. Any musician who is interested can contact the museum for a chance to play some of the unique guitars in the collection. For a set donation, players can make a 45-minute appointment to play, alone or with a small group or audience, some of the guitars once owned and played by Les. These sessions have brought Les Paul fans from as far away as England to play. For more information email the Mahwah Museum at info@mahwahmuseum.org.

The popular exhibit on Les Paul has drawn people from across the country. Visitors will learn about Les, a long-time Mahwah resident, inventor, musician, engineer, and creator of the electric guitar, the 8-track, and overdubbing.

THE OLD STATION- 50 YEARS

Almost 50 years ago, in 1965, the Mahwah Historical Society was created by concerned volunteers to rescue and restore the old Mahwah Railroad Station. Built in 1871, it was slated for destruction. With the help of the newly formed Mahwah Historical Society, the Army Corps of Engineers and many volunteers, the station was moved to its present location and transformed into a museum. The 1929 Erie Caboose was added in 1969.

The Mahwah Historical Society, now known as the Mahwah Museum Society, has been operating the Old Station Museum and Caboose as a railroading museum since that time.

The Old Station and Caboose show visitors how the railroad operated in its heyday and have many interesting and unique artifacts. The Old Station Museum and Caboose, located at 1871 Old Station Lane, Mahwah, are open Sundays from June to September 14 from 2-4 p.m.

THE DONALD COOPER RAILROAD

The Museum's Donald Cooper Railroad is an operating HO-scale model railroad with many trains traveling between levels and on different routes. Centralized electronic switches allow the operator to control the entire layout from the DCC central control panels. The railroad yard is fully functional allowing operators to make up trains and dispatch them to their destinations. The four-level-high layout has three independent scenic modules that are constantly changing, as well as a trolley, subway system, logging station, waterfall, roundhouse and turntable, and many more interesting scenes. Engineers of all ages are invited to come and visit this ever-changing and growing railroad world.



Photo courtesy of Mahwah Museum

MAHWAH MUSEUM 2014-2015 LECTURE SERIES

The Mahwah Museum Lecture Series features lectures and gallery talks that highlight the history of Mahwah and its surrounding communities. Lectures are usually held on the second Thursday of the month at the Ramapo Reformed Church Educational Building, 100 Island Rd., Mahwah. Lectures start at 7:30 p.m. and include refreshments. Admission is \$3 for non-members; museum members are free. 2014-2015 Lecture Schedule:

- Thur., Oct. 9 "The Genius of Les Paul" by *Seth Cluett*
- Thur., Nov. 13 "Mapping of Mahwah and its Neighborhoods" by *Tom Dunn*
- Thur., Dec. 4 "Searching for your Ramapo Valley and Bergen County Ancestors" by *Maria Hopper*
- Thur., Feb. 5 "Beauty in the Cemetery" by *Peggy Norris and Joe Suplicki*
- Thur., March 12 "New Jersey 350" by *Hank Bitten*
- Thur., April 9 "100 Years: The Mahwah Fire Department" – a panel discussion
- Thur., May 14 "Mahwah's Changing Railroad" by *Robert Adler*

MAHWAH MUSEUM 2014-2015 GALLERY TALK SCHEDULE

The Mahwah Museum presents Gallery Talks on selected Sunday afternoons. Held in the exhibit areas of the gallery, talks begin at 1:15pm, unless otherwise noted. Gallery Talks are free with museum admission. Seating is limited; reservations are suggested. To reserve, contact lectures@mahwahmuseum.org or call 201-512-0099.

- Sun., Oct. 17 "Inventions in the Neighborhoods" by *Tom Dunn*
- Sun., Nov. 16 "Mahwah's Trolley: North Jersey Rapid Transit" by *John Edwards*
- Sun., Jan. 18 "An Entrepreneur in Mahwah: The Story of Fred Wehran" by *Tetsu Amagasu*
- Sun., Feb. 22 "West Mahwah" by *Gene Manghi*
- Sun., March 15 "Murder, Mayhem and other Mysteries of Mahwah" by *Tom Grissom*
- Sun., April 19 "Mahwah Schools" by *Gail Doscher*
- Sun., May 17 "Stagecoaches to One - Cent Stamps" by *Carol Greene*

For more information on events, membership, volunteering, research and Museum support opportunities, visit www.mahwahmuseum.org or email director@mahwahmuseum.org.

The Mahwah Museum receives operating support from the New Jersey Historical Commission in the Department of State.

AN UNUSUAL HISTORIC RESTORATION PROJECT



Before

Never let it be said historic preservation does not have surprises. The Glasgow family, in 1998, donated to the Township, an unusual structure to save for posterity. Their donation was a rare 3-seater outhouse which had been on their property at the

corner of Rt. 202 and West Ramapo Avenue since c. 1890. The donation was accepted and the "Glasgow Outhouse" was relocated by the Department of Public Works to the Old Station Museum complex on East Ramapo Avenue across from Winters Pond. By 2011, this unique relic from Mahwah's past had deteriorated, and was in dire need of restoration. The Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission, (MHPC) with the help of (then) member Alex Michelini, sought advice on this restoration project from the Bergen County Historical Society and the Pascack Historical Society, who have been involved in similar restoration projects. Their opinions were that the Glasgow Outhouse was structurally sound and in restorable condition. With the cooperation and support of the Township of Mahwah and the Mahwah Museum Society, the MHPC began the process of restoring this unique historic structure last Fall.

The outhouse had to be moved to a stable cement base before work to repair and restore could proceed. To determine the best method to move the outhouse, MHPC Chairperson, Barbara Shanley, sought

the advice of Keith Hallissey and Ed Sinclair of the Department of Public Works. They examined the problem, and determined that it could be strategically moved by placing large boards to the front and back, and manually lift the outhouse to the cement base.

For their help and generous donations to this unusual and worthy restoration project, the Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission would like to thank the following companies and individuals: Mahwah Home Depot for the lumber, plexiglass, roofing shingles, bolts, nails, paint, watersealer and brushes; Tanis Concrete of Fair Lawn

for the cement foundation; Ramsey Hardware and Sherwin-Williams for stain; the employees of the Mahwah Department of Public Works for digging the foundation base, framing it, and preparing the cement as it was poured and for lifting and moving the outhouse to the new cement base; Mahwah Museum Member Tom O'Brien for stabilizing the building before Hurricane Irene; MHPC member Ron Wohlberg, for working on weekends to bolt

2x4 supports in a grid pattern to the cement foundation, cutting shingles for the roof and for replacing damaged/missing pieces of siding; John Wohlberg of JH Renovations for donating 8 hours on a Saturday

to tear off the old roof, rebuild the roof substructure, and put on new shingles; MHPC members Yvonne Beatrice, Barbara Shanley, Deborah Grob and Leda Dunn Wettre and volunteer Christian Wettre for sanding the outside. ■



During



During



After



MAHWAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: LIFE AT LAKE HENRY

Life at Lake Henry is a continuing compilation of biodiversity at Lake Henry. Working with local experts as well as experts in the field, Karin LaGreca's aim is to identify and raise awareness of the importance of biodiversity, open space and connectivity which is imperative for ecological integrity and human wellness.

The Mahwah Environmental Commission in collaboration with the Mahwah Township and the Mahwah Department of Public Works created Lake Henry in 2006. Lake Henry is a one-mile circuit designed to provide recreation and increase the understanding to the local ecosystem.

A portion of the data collected as of June 2014 at Lake Henry:

- Macro invertebrates living in Lake Henry according to Trout Unlimited volunteers:
 - Scuds, Midge Larva, Leaches, Clams, Mayfly Nymphs, Aquatic Worms and Water Penny Beetles
- Bird observations according to local expert John Brotherton:
 - Carolina Wren, Yellow Rumped Warbler, Great Blue Heron, Double Breasted Cormorant, Coopers Hawk, White Throated Sparrow, American Goldfinch (NJ State Bird), Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture



Photo courtesy of Karin LaGreca

- Tree identifications according to local experts Carol and Brian Pfeifer:
 - Red Maple, Silver Maple, Black Birch, Sugar Maple, River Birch, Flowering Dogwood, American Bittersweet, Redosier Dogwood, Red Cedar

According to Dr. Michael Klemens, Biologist, Zoologist the following amphibians, reptiles and mammals have been observed:

- Amphibians
 - Bull Frogs
 - Fowlers Toad
- Reptiles
 - Painted Turtles
 - Snapping Turtles
 - Musk Turtles
- Mammals
 - Pair of Minks

"If your aim is to see (deep rooted, sustainable and secure) economic prosperity in your area, you need to see the natural environment as critical infrastructure, worthy of strategic planning and investment" (Peter Wilkinson). ■



UPCOMING RECREATION DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Dawn DaPuzzo, Director • TEL (201) 529-5757 Ext. 254



Annual Halloween Costume Parade and Trunk or Treat Event

The annual Halloween Costume Parade, run by the Recreation Committee, will be held rain or shine at **6 p.m.** on **Friday, October 31, 2014** in the front parking lot at the Mahwah Municipal Building. A costume contest for children (infants through grade 5) will be judged by age group and prizes will be awarded for best costume. The Trunk or Treat will begin at 5 p.m. For safety reasons those who wish to set up their cars to distribute candy should arrive between 4:30 – 5 p.m.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

The Township of Mahwah will hold its Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on **Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.** at the Mahwah Municipal Building on Corporate Drive. Santa Claus has made special arrangements to fly into Mahwah for the occasion. Since we can't count on having snow for his sleigh, the Mahwah volunteer firefighters have generously offered to escort Santa on their firetrucks! Santa will hear all requests for holiday gifts from kids of all ages. All persons of good cheer are welcome to join us to hear seasonal favorites sung by the Joyce Kilmer Chorus and enjoy delicious refreshments as our tree and our hearts are lighted.

Mahwah Adult Sports

Adult Coed Volleyball: (*New this year*) Mahwah Recreation is sponsoring a coed volleyball league, open to Mahwah residents only. Please note that this is a recreational league. Games will be played Wednesday evenings from now until June 10th 2015 at Joyce Kilmer School. Games are played in the New Gym from 7-9 p.m. If school is closed for any reason the game is cancelled. There will be no play on the following dates: 11/5/14, 12/24/14 and 12/31/14.

Adult Men's Basketball: Mahwah Recreation is sponsoring a men's basketball league open to Mahwah residents only. Games will be played Wednesday evenings from now until June 10th 2015 at Ramapo Ridge School. Games are played in the gym from 7:30- 9:30 p.m. If school is closed for any reason the game is cancelled. There will be no play on the following dates: 12/17/14, 12/24/14, 12/31/14 and 6/10/15.

For information on all recreation events and for registration forms for volleyball, basketball and bocce, go to MAHWAHTWP.ORG...DEPARTMENTS...RECREATION

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE 2015 ANIMAL LICENSING

2015 Licenses for dogs and cats will be available for purchase starting Monday, January 5, 2015. In accordance with the Township Code, dogs and cats over 7 months of age are required to be licensed. A Rabies Vaccination Certificate valid through and including November 1, 2015 is required. If applicable, written proof of spaying or neutering from a licensed veterinarian is required. If the dog or cat has previously been licensed and the Township Municipal Clerk's Office records reflect same, proof is not required.

Fees for Dog and Cat Licenses:

- \$7.00 Spayed/Neutered dog and/or cat
- \$10.00 Unspayed/Unneutered dog and/or cat



Last day to license dogs and/or cats before the \$10.00 late fee per animal is imposed is Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

Licenses may be renewed in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except Municipal holidays in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Or by

mailing the Rabies Vaccination Certificate, Proof of Spaying/Neutering Certificate and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Township of Mahwah, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey Attention: Municipal Clerk's Office. Please do not send cash. If licensing both a cat and a dog please write separate checks for each. ■

ACCESS TRANSPORTATION OFFERS SERVICES FOR SENIORS

The Township of Mahwah offers an Access Transportation service for seniors and residents for medical and physical therapy appointments, food and/or other necessary shopping. Based on our schedule and availability, we provide rides to Mahwah and the Midland Park Senior Centers.

Note: You may utilize our transportation system even if you currently drive and prefer not to drive to certain areas that we cover. Call us at 201-529-2691 for any additional information or to sign up for bus transportation. ■



PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

The Township of Mahwah has ordinances governing property maintenance, tree removal and soil movement. The Property Maintenance Ordinance requires that all exterior properties and premises be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition.

- All weeds and grass shall not be in excess of 10 inches in height.
- Sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways and parking spaces must be kept in proper state of repair and maintained free from hazardous conditions.
- All accessory structures, including detached garages, fences and walls shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair.
- The exterior of all structures including but not limited to wood, doors, windows, and window frames shall be protected from the elements and decay by painting or other protective covering treatments.
- Each home must display the street number assigned to it. The numbers must be displayed at least 3 inches high and 1/2 inch stroke.
- The Tree Removal Ordinance permits the cutting down of five (5) trees per year, with the diameter of 12 inches or more at ground level per lot per fiscal year. The exemption does not include trees which were indicated as trees to remain on the plan previously approved by the land use board of the Township. Anyone wishing to cut down trees should

call the office before the trees are cut to see if a permit is required. If you have any questions pertaining to trees, live or dead, please call 201-529-5757, Ext. 246 for assistance.

- Inoperable Vehicles – no person shall park, leave, store or maintain any inoperable vehicle for more than thirty days. Inoperable vehicle means any motor vehicle designed or manufactured primarily for use on public roadways and are not duly registered and insured.
- Signs – The placement of signs on telephone poles, trees, blocks or in the public right of ways is prohibited. The placement of a portable A-Frame sign is also prohibited.

Sidewalks

With winter approaching, we want to remind everyone whose property has a sidewalk that they must keep the sidewalk clear of ice and snow within twelve (12) hours of the snow stopping. All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition by the property owner and/or occupant. If your property is on a corner, the sidewalk must be cleared at the intersection so that a pathway is provided for pedestrian passage from the sidewalk to the street so the pedestrian does not have to walk into the street when crossing the roadway. ■



MAHWAH BOARD OF HEALTH OFFERS SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION FOR SENIORS

The Mahwah Board of Health will offer seasonal flu vaccine to Mahwah residents age 65 and older on Friday, October 17th at the Mahwah Senior Center, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Vaccine will be administered by nurses from Health Awareness Regional Program (HARP) of Hackensack University Medical Center.

Vaccine may also be provided to residents 18 years and older with chronic medical conditions if a doctor's note or prescription is submitted prior to the date of the clinic. Senior citizens with Medicare HMO coverage are not accepted at this program; please contact your HMO health care provider to obtain your flu vaccine.

Registration opens on September 22nd. Please call 201-529-5757, option 2 to make an appointment. Residents with Medicare Part B please have your card with your number ready when you call.

Diane Homler (left), Principal Inspector, Mahwah Health Department with Diana Costagliola, RN (right) Health Awareness Regional Program (HARP) educating Safety Town attendees about the importance of Hand-washing, and Poison Control awareness.

MAHWAH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



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Volunteer to help provide Free Ambulance Service to your town's residents and visitors

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For More Information:

Info@MahwahEMS.org
or call (201) 327-2252

COME SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MAHWAH SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Mahwah Senior Center - 475 Corporate Drive - Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Stop in and check out our programs and services offered. You can also visit us on line at www.mahwahtwp.org, click on Senior Center.

Beginners Art Classes
Watercolor Art Classes
Fit 4 Life Aerobics
Jazzercise
Pilates
Tai Chi Chih
Yoga
Zumba Gold
Knitting
Monthly Lunch program

Dance Social
Pinochle
Canasta
Bridge
Mahjong
Woodcarving
Chair Yoga
Meditation
Woodcarving
Senior Club

Lectures and presentations on health and senior related topics.

Upcoming Trips:

October: Tour of the Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia PA
November: Bergen County Casino Trip to Caesar's in Atlantic City
December: Tony Orlando's Great American Christmas, Bethlehem, PA ■

AN UPDATE FROM THE MAHWAH COMMUNITY CABLE TV COMMITTEE

The members of the Mahwah Community Cable TV Committee hope the Mahwah community has had an opportunity to watch Channel 78 (Optimum) or Channel 33 (Fios) and is enjoying the slides advertising events taking place in Mahwah throughout the year.

The Cable Committee, which includes members, Kim Bolan, Gloria Volpe Lore, David May, Tricia Patella, Gail Reynolds, Councilman John Roth, and Peter Wendrychowicz, is continuing "Mahwah Meets", a series of interviews of outstanding members of the Mahwah community. Recently, Fire Chief Ed Garza and longtime Mahwah Fire Dept. volunteer Ike Wiley were interviewed by MCN host Tricia Patella; the studio at Ramapo College provided the setting for the interview, and the studio's crew filmed the firefighters' conversation with Tricia. The Cable Committee is most appreciative of the opportunity to work with Ramapo College's studio personnel.

Another "Mahwah Meets" interview focused on the life and work of Poet Joyce Kilmer, a former Mahwah resident, who is best known for his poem "Trees". MCN host Tricia Patella spoke with Mahwah resident Alex Michelini who has done extensive research on Kilmer and recently formed the Joyce Kilmer Society here in Mahwah. During the interview, Alex and Tricia toured Mahwah stopping at various sites associated with Kilmer and his poetry.

Currently, Jeff Morris, teacher, coach, and Mahwah's Basketball Commissioner, speaks with MCN about basketball programs he is involved with and the impact basketball clinics can have on younger players and players with disabilities. More Interviews will follow so keep tuned to Mahwah Community News (MCN). If you miss any of the interviews, check out MCN on Facebook.

CONTACT MCN: mcn78@mahwahtwp.org or at 201-529-5757 Ext. 270.

NEW SERVICES OFFERED AT THE MAHWAH PUBLIC LIBRARY



September is Library Card Signup Month! Did you know that your Mahwah Public Library Card allows you to access the Library and its services at any time with your phone, tablet or PC? The Library offers access to thousands of popular books, magazines, music recordings and even videos and feature films through its website, www.mahwahlibrary.org.

Here are just a few of the services that are available for free to Mahwah residents with a valid Library card.



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busters to best-selling authors and artists, you're sure to find

something you'll enjoy. But it's not just the latest titles – hoopla includes an extensive catalog of educational materials, children's titles, foreign films, and other hard-to-find content not offered anywhere else. There are hoopla apps for most devices, including iOS and Android, and hoopla can be used on PCs as well.



Learn a new language with **mango**. This interactive service provides real-life situations to help you focus on practical conversation and

cultural awareness as you learn any one of 63 world languages. Lessons combine real life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions and are presented with an appreciation for cultural nuance and real-world application that integrates components of vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar and culture.



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Bergen County Utilities Authority 2014 Collections

Electronics and Computer Collections Mobile Paper Shredding

Where: Campgaw Mountain Reservation
When: Saturday October 25th
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Where: Campgaw Mountain Reservation
When: Saturday November 1st
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Both Events are held Rain or Shine For more information or a list of acceptable materials Call 201-807-5825 or go to www.bcua.org

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE PROJECTS PLANNED

Enhancements are now being planned for the grounds and landscape at the Mahwah Train Station. Led by Project Chair Maria LaSalvia, this beautification effort is being coordinated with the New Jersey Department of Transportation and Mahwah's Department of Public Works.

In addition to these large projects, the committee also awards "Certificates of Appreciation" to local businesses, thanking them at Town Council meetings for their efforts in beautifying our community. Recent recipients have been Bagel Express of Mahwah, Boiling Springs Savings Bank, and Knapp Landscaping, Inc.

New volunteers are currently being invited to join the Beautification Committee, offer their suggestions, and get involved in helping to beautify and improve the appearance of our town. The Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Mahwah Senior Center and is chaired by Councilwoman Lisa DiGiulio. To find out how you can get involved, email lisadigiulio@aol.com or call Maria LaSalvia at 201-529-4784. ■

SOLUTIONS TO STORMWATER POLLUTION

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to help protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a neutral state with trees and other native vegetation that require little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it. Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce local petwaste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:
- Use newspapers, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- Dispose of wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

Don't Litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clipping into the lawn.

Contact Information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njs-tormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps.

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program
609-633-7021 • www.cleanwaternj.org ■

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE GARBAGE PICK UP



Starting October 1, the Township residential curbside Garbage pick up will return to one time per week and continue as such through, March 31, 2015. Residential curbside garbage pick up will resume to twice a week starting April 1, 2015.

REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK



Day Light Savings Time is the first Sunday in November. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 2, 2014



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